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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

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<u></u>	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on							
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Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- □ Other:

## 2. Additional Items:

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required.)
- A petition for extension of time is enclosed.
- A return receipt postcard is enclosed.
- □ Other:
- Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27).
- RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) without a claim of small entity status is: \_\_\$770.00\_.
- □ RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) by an entity claiming small entity status is: \_\_\$.00\_.
- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- Charge \$\_770.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135, under Order No. 7372/70911.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Director is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135, under Order No. 7372/70911. This sheet is filed in duplicate.

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## **AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Please enter this Amendment in connection with the concurrently filed RCE.

- (1) Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.
- (2) Remarks begin on page 5.